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1. ON MIDEAST: IN JAMHURIAT DARI/PASHTO DAILY 6 NOV. NAZER
(BASHIR RAFIQ) COMMENTED IN COLUMN (BEGIN EXERPT) IT IS NOW
INCUMBENT

ON ISRAEL TO NEGOTIATE WITH PALESTINIANS, AND IT IS
UP TO THE US TO PAY ITS PART IN THIS CONNECTION. ONE CAN SEE FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSERTIONS MADE AT THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS
THAT WASHINGTON CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO MAKE ISRAEL MORE FLEXIBLE.
(END EXERPTS)

2. ON US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO: IN ANIS DARI DAILY 6 NOV. BASHIR
RAFIQ WROTE IN COLUMN ENTITLED "THE US AND THE ILO": (BEGIN
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HXERPTS) NOW THAT, ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON, THE ILO HAS NOT CHANGED
ITS POLICY, IT HAS LEFT IT.... WHAT THE US MAINLY OBJECTED TO WAS
THE UNITY BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND SOCIALIST NATIONS AS FAR AS ISRAEL
WAS CONCERNED. THEREFORE, WASHINGTON HAS LEFT AN ORGANIZATION WHICH
HAS GREATLY HELPED THE DEVELOPING NATIONS IN ORGANIZING THEIR LABOR
AFFAIRS IN WHICH THE US HAS PLAYED A PROMINENT PART. WASHINGLUNEJ
HAS HELPED THE DEVELOPING NATIONS THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION AND

BILATERAL ACCORDS. BUT THE ILO IS A TECHNICAL, UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY, AND SINCE IT HAD TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO INSURING HUMAN RIGHTS INCLUDING THOSE OF THE WORKERS, LABOR UNIONS, AND REPORTS ABOUT LABOR CONDITIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, NATURALLY QUESTIONS OF A POLITICAL NATURE CROPPED UP. AT THE LAST ILO ANNUAL MEETING THE US WITHDRAWAL WAS ANTICIPATED BECAUSE THE US HAD WARDED OF THIS TWO YEARS AGO. THEREFORE VARIOUS DELEGATES SPENT HOURS IN PERSUADIFO HTEIR AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS NOT TO LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION, BUT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE.... SO WASHINGTON TRANSLATED INTO ACTION THE DECISION MADE BY KISSINGER WHO BELIEVED THE ORGANIZATION WAS MORE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL THAN LABOR AFFAIRS...

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BASICALLY, THE ILO OPPOSITION TO ISRAEL LED TO THIS WITHDRAWAL.... THE ILO MEMBERS ASK THE QUESTION: WOULD THE US FOLLOW THE SAME POLICY UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN OTHERS AGENCIES AS WELL?.... A FEW ILO MEMBERS SAID IN GENEVA THE ORGANIZATION WOULD NOT SIT IDLE WITHOUT THE US, AND SHALL REVISE SOME OF ITS PROGRAMS AND WORKING METHODS, HOWEVER, THE ORGANIZATION WILL INEVITABLY BE FACED WITH FORMIDABLE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE US. FURTHER, US EFFECTIVE AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS THROUGH THIS AGENCY WOULD STOP. STILL, THE 113 MEMBERS OF THE ILO WHICH ARE PRESENTED BY THEIR LABOR UNIONS AND GOVERNMENTS ARE HOPING THAT THE US WOULD RESUME ITS MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE BASIC ENDS MR THIS AGENCY. (END EXERPTS)

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